

I am writing to protest the upcoming rule change proposal and the whole air of secrecy surrounding it.

Relaxing the ownership rules on broadcast media and newspapers will accelerate the trend toward concentration of media control. Fewer and fewer companies will own, and control the content of, more and more TV and radio stations and newspapers. The consequences of this are made alarmingly clear by the dearth of reporting on this very issue by the major networks. This is just one incident that illustrates that corporate interests do exercise control of content on their outlets, with chilling effects.

Please do not pass this new proposal. It is antithetical to an informed public, first ammendment rights, anti-trust policies, and democracy itself.